GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES UNDER NREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and nature of irregularities noticed so far by the Government under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) since its inception;

(b) whether the Government is aware that labourers in different parts of the country are not being provided jobs as well as unemployment allowance under NREGA despite having job cards;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(d) if not, the number of such labourers provided with jobs and paid unemployment allowance indicating the amount thus paid, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to check the irregularities while implementing the Act effectively?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Some complaints relating to non issue of job cards to some rural households seeking registration, less payment of wages to women workers etc., have been received. The Ministry is paying highest attention to pursue States to bring systems and processes in place so that these issues are adequately addressed.

(b) to (d) The statement indicating State wise demand for work by the rural households is provided at Annexure which shows 97.10% households demanding employment have been provided with employment. Employment is to be provided within 15 days of the application for employment. No report of payment of unemployment allowance has so far been received.

(e) Some of the major steps for effective monitoring to check irregularities and implement the Act effectively are

i) Field visits undertaken by independent National Level Monitors (NLM) and Area Officers (AO)
ii) Independent Appraisal teams have been constituted for detailed verification of records and processes on a sample basis in districts with high infusion of funds to check on the quality of the programme,
iii) Periodic review meetings have been undertaken by Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time,
iv) Union Minister, Rural Development made three suo-motu statements on the implementation and progress of NREG Act in both the houses of Parliament. In Lok Sabha the statements were made on 3rd March, 2006, 23rd May, 2006 and 25th August, 2006. In Rajya Sabha the statements were made on 8th March, 2006, 23rd May, 2006 and 25th August, 2006.
v) Review meeting with State Secretaries by Minister in Delhi on 12th/13th May,2006,
vi) State specific reviews by Minister in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir in May-June, 2006,
vii) Minister of Rural Development participated in the Social Audit in Andhra Pradesh in the month of September, 2006.
viii) Regional review meetings by Minister at Delhi on 26.9.06 of Northern region and at Kolkata on 12th/13th September, 2006 of Eastern region
ix) Review of Kerala and North Eastern States by Secretary in September, 2006
x) Meeting of the Central Employment Guarantee Council was held on 27.9.06 and a thorough review of NREGA was undertaken
xi) Performance Review Committee meeting of Southern and Western region at Delhi on 9.10.06,
xii) Conference of Project Directors, DRDA, at Delhi on 16-17,October,2006,
xiii) Meeting with State Secretaries and District Programme Coordinators on NREGA held on 1.11.06
xiv) Minister(RD) and Secretary(RD) also reviewed performance of NREGA of States at State Headquarters,
xv) Meeting of the Minister RD with MPs of States where the progress of the programme is slow has also been scheduled. This includes Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, North Eastern States, Hilly States- Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh , and Kerala.
xvi)States have been instructed to undertake 100%, 10% and 2% inspection and verification at the Block, District and State levels and the Centre is monitoring action taken in this regard.

Annexure

Annexure referred to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 533 due for 2.3.2007

States	Households (Nos.)		%age
	Demanded	Provided	
1	2	3	4
ANDHRA PRADESH	1788112	1788112	100.00
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	16926	16926	100.00
ASSAM	500433	446981	89.32
BIHAR	893728	886916	99.24
CHATTISGARH	1122846	1045279	93.09
GUJARAT	146943	146943	100.00
HARYANA	39128	39128	100.00
HIMACHAL PRADESH	56823	52632	92.62
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	39579	16079	40.63
JHARKHAND	868919	846401	97.41
KARNATAKA	508798	478767	94.10
KERALA	67271	60391	89.77
MADHYA PRADESH	2619570	2582117	98.57
MAHARASHTRA	321898	353338	109.77
MANIPUR	17800	17880	100.45
MEGHALAYA	12644	12642	99.98
MIZORAM	19358	6666	34.44
NAGALAND	27800	27800	100.00
ORISSA	1277280	1264957	99.04
PUNJAB	31008	30868	99.55
RAJASTHAN	1094229	1094229	100.00
SIKKIM	4211	4111	97.63
TAMIL NADU	508243	508243	100.00
TRIPURA	66666	66656	99.98
UTTAR PRADESH	2419669	2326348	96.14
UTTRANCHAL	107393	107192	99.81
WEST BENGAL	2573380	2425415	94.25
Total	17150655	16653017	97.10